(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how it is likely to effect the common man of the Capital?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) to (c) As a result of a review of allocation of rice & wheat to various States/Union Territories undertaken in the light of availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors, the allocation of rice from the Central pool to most States including Delhi has been reduced uniformly by 20% from *February, 1989. However, sub-allocation* of rice to Fair Price Shops is the concern of States/Union Territories.

The allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool are supplemental to open market availability. Bulk of the bumper production of rice and other foodgrains in the kharif this year is available in the market and to this extent pressure on Public Distribution System should be less. However, the allocations are made on a month to month basis, keeping the factors mentioned above in mind.

Independent Housing Board for Housing in Delhi

1238. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to de-link the housing activity from DDA and constitute an independent Housing Board in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have not been worked out so far.

Setting up of SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation

1239. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has set up a SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the Corporation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Corporation has been set up under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956. Its total authorised capital is Rs. 75 crores. A provision of Rs. 50 crores for the Corporation has been made in the Budget for the current year.

भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी और भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र पर मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड का बकाया

1240. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी:** क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत एल्यूमिनियम कंपनी तथा भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र पर मध्य प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड का 85 करोड़ रुपया अभी बकाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस तारीख से उन पर इतनी बड़ी राशि बकाया है; और

(ग) इस राशि की अदायगी न करने के क्या कारण हैं?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री माखन लाल फोतेदार): (क) से (ग) जहां तक भारत